

WILES OF THE GENUS FAKIR.

If You Wear Eyeglasses, Here's a Straight Tip.

An Old Industry Appears in a New and Enticing Form.

A recent despatch from Cincinnati states that a firm of manufacturing jewelers of that city is unable to account for the sudden increase in the demand for a special make of cheap spectacles with imitation gold frames, which have long been a staple article of the firm's manufacture, but which until lately had only a moderate sale.

The firm declared that orders are now frequently received for 150 gross at a time. The glasses are mostly the plain new style and are sold for about \$4 a dozen wholesale.

"The Evening World" has solved the problem and now explains why the firm of Cincinnati jewelers is rapidly growing rich from the sale of a fair quality of window-glass set in yellow metal rims.

The secret lies in that sturdy statement of fact contained among street fakirs, who are peddling their wares, that "a sucker is born every minute."

The particular class of man denominated "fakir" is found in every walk of life, and it is not surprising that he can never be thoroughly eradicated even when liberally treated with years of experience in a bid, but failing, like this.

The applicability of this short explanation seems to us to be offset by the omission of an apology for the manner through whose unkindness the opportunity was afforded an "Evening World" reporter to give the public and the press a full account of the facts from the information so much desired.

The two gentlemen mentioned are men of large brain and ample purse, and were, we are informed, editorial writers on a great New York daily.

Three days ago the names of the two were tapped on the shoulder, who sat beside him in an elevated train.

"Pardon me," said the remarkable-looking gentleman, "you wear spectacles, and you picked up this pair of gold glasses, and as I have no use for them, I thought possibly you might buy them."

The glasses held up for inspection were fair to look upon. There was a certain tone about them which threw entirely in the shade the pair of diamond-set spectacles worn by the little fakir.

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IT IS AN EAST SIDE TANGLE.

Schatchen, Lovers and a \$25 Check All Mixed Up.

But Only the Pawnbrokers Are Really Disturbed.

Fiamond Bros., pawnbrokers, 9 Avenue B, are wondering today where their coin in a \$25 check drawn on the Clyburn Ward Bank, and signed L. Hollinger, which they recently cashed for L. Leibenthal, of 37 Avenue C, and which they have since discovered to be worthless—the signature of Leibenthal having been forged in clumsy forgery.

Hollinger, who lives at 23 East Seventy-third street, has no exact record of when he forged the check. He simply says he has no bondsmen, Kestenberg, on the other hand, advises a cessation of payment. He says it looks as though he had forged the forged check in order to get him into trouble.

The ground for these reciprocal suspicions is the fact that Hollinger, a twenty-year-old daughter Rosalie, and Marcus Weil, a young man, of 25 East Houston street, live in the same building.

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